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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON DMZ INCIDENT

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL AND DOD DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ABRAMOWITZ TESTIFIED BEFORE JOINT SESSION OF THE HIRC'S INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS (FASCELL) AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (FRASER) SUB-COMMITTEES ON THE AUGUST 18 INCIDENT AND ITS AFTERMATH. THE MEMBERS WERE PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN LEARNING THE DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT, ITS SIGNIFICANCE AND HOW WE REACTED. THERE WERE A FEW IMPLICITLY CRITICAL QUESTIONS ON THESE ISSUES, CENTERING CHIEFLY ON THE FACT THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAD OBJECTED TO THE TREE-CUTTING OPERATION ATTEMPTED ON AUGUST 6. THE MEMBERS, HOWEVER, RAISED NO SERIOUS OBJECTIONS TO U.S. HANDLING OF THE AUGUST 18 INCIDENT OR OUR SUBSEQUENT MILITARY MOVES.

2. THERE WAS SHARP QUESTIONING OF HUMMEL AND ABRAMOWITZ

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OVER THE ADMINISTRATION'S VIEW THAT THE AUGMENTATION

MOVES DID NOT HAVE TO BE REPORTED TO CONGRESS UNDER THE WAR POWERS ACT. REP. HOLTZMAN, A MEMBER OF NEITHER SUB-COMMITTEE, WAS PERMITTED TO READ A STATEMENT CRITICIZING THE ABSENCE OF SUCH A REPORT.

3. THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE CAME UP ONLY IN PASSING.

4. A COPY OF HUMMEL'S PREPARED STATEMENT BEING POUCHED.

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